

2004 Census Test Fact Sheet

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Southwest Georgia – Colquitt, Thomas, and Tift Counties

The proposed location of the Local Census Office is the city of Thomasville (Thomas County), which in 2000 had a population of 18,162.

What will the Census Bureau learn from conducting a census test in this area?

- ✓ The effectiveness of improved definitions and methods for distinguishing between group quarters and housing units and for updating the Census Bureau's Master Address File in a comprehensive, integrated manner.
- ✓ The effectiveness of new methods to improve population and housing coverage and of new procedures for addressing duplication issues.
- ✓ The effectiveness of implementing a mobile computing device system with Global Positioning System technology in the Nonresponse Follow-Up (NRFU) operation, incorporating English and Spanish capabilities and assessing the effect on field operations and data processing.

Type of enumeration for the 2004 Census Test and Census 2000 mail response rates:

- ✓ Approximately 50 percent mailout/mailback and 50 percent update/leave; follow-up with nonrespondents
- ✓ The final Census 2000 mail response rates were:

Colquitt - 58% Thomas - 60% Tift - 58%

Expected number of jobs for Nonresponse Follow-Up and pay rates:

Approximately 150 jobs for enumerators, crew leaders and field operations supervisors:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Pay Rate</u>
Crew Leader	\$12.25
Enumerator	\$10.75
Clerk	\$ 8.25

Some of the largest industries in the three - county area include:

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Fishing
- Construction
- Education
- Health
- Social Services
- Manufacturing
- Retail Trade

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Member of U.S. House of Representatives who represents this site:

The Honorable Sanford Bishop Jr. (Georgia – 2nd District, Democrat)

Land Area Information

County	Land Area in Square Miles
Colquitt	552.27
Thomas	548.30
Tift	265.05
Total land area for the three counties	1365.61

Demographics

Population estimate, 2001	123,847 (3 counties combined)
Housing units (HUs), 2000	51,250 (3 counties combined)
Vacancy rate, 2000	10.78% (3 counties combined)
Population growth rate (1990-2000)	Tift: 9.7%, Thomas: 9.6%, Colquitt: 14.8%
Percent of HUs in multiunit structures	Tift: 13.5%, Thomas: 11%, Colquitt: 12.5%
Percent of population by race, 2000	(3 counties combined) White – 63.96% African-American – 30.22% Asian – 0.53% American Indian/Alaska native – 0.27%
Percent of population by Hispanic origin, 2000	Hispanic/Latino – 6.68%
Median household income, 1999	Tift: \$32,616, Thomas: \$31,115, Colquitt: \$28,539
Unemployment rate, 2001	Tift: 4.5%, Thomas: 4.1%, Colquitt: 6.7%
Percent Foreign-born, 2000	Tift: 5.5%, Thomas: 1.4%, Colquitt: 6.5%

For further information you may visit the Atlanta Regional Office website at:
<http://www.census.gov/roatl>
